

House Resolution 38 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 38

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1 A Resolution celebrating baseball and baseball's
2 greatest in Iowa.

3 WHEREAS, springtime has come again to Iowa, bringing
4 with it another season of baseball; and

5 WHEREAS, as another season opens we pause to
6 remember two remarkable Iowans who dedicated themselves
7 to the game, first cousins Bob Feller of Van Meter and
8 Hal Manders of Waukee; and

9 WHEREAS, as kids Bob Feller, Nile Kinnick, and Hal
10 Manders all played on the same Junior Legion Baseball
11 Team; and

12 WHEREAS, Hal Manders was born in 1917, and studied
13 medicine at the University of Iowa and pitched for
14 the Hawkeyes, but chose baseball over medicine and
15 was a relief pitcher in major league baseball in the
16 1940s, playing for the Detroit Tigers and the Chicago
17 Cubs; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Manders returned home in 1946 and
19 farmed the rich soils of Dallas County for the rest of
20 his life, working as a community leader and a rural
21 development advisor to President Ronald Reagan; and

22 WHEREAS, Bob Feller was born in 1918, actually
23 pitched his first professional game before he
24 was a senior in high school, and spent his entire
25 professional career of 18 years with the Cleveland
26 Indians, and in 1962 as "the Heater from Van Meter",
27 was inducted into the baseball Hall of Fame; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Feller put his career aside to serve

1 his country, volunteering immediately for combat
2 service following the attack on Pearl Harbor, and
3 becoming the first major league baseball player to do
4 so; and

5 WHEREAS, both have passed away in 2010, Mr. Manders
6 on January 21, and Mr. Feller on December 15, with Mr.
7 Manders remembered at the Manders Museum Wing in the
8 Waukee Public Library, and Mr. Feller memorialized at
9 the Bob Feller Museum in Van Meter; and

10 WHEREAS, both of these Iowans live on through the
11 game they loved, as each springtime introduces a new
12 generation of youngsters to baseball, fans fill the
13 bleachers, and players take the field; NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
15 the House of Representatives celebrates the coming of
16 spring and another baseball season, and celebrates the
17 memory of Iowa greats Bob Feller and Hal Manders.